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We, Joseph A. Izatt and Andrew M. Rollins, do hereby declare and say that we, along with Volker Westphal, are joint inventors in the above-identified United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/619,574.

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